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WITH COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN INALIENABLE RIGHTS

- 1. AMBASSADOR TORRES CALLED ON M'BOW MAY 5 AM TO DISCUSS US CONCERNS ITEM 7.1.6. HE REVIEWED POINTS DEPT HAS SUPPLIED REFTEL, STRESSING DELICATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION US APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNESCO, AND NECESSITY FOR AVOIDING CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE AND UNACCEPTABLE DECISION THIS ITEM. M'BOW REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT WANTED ANY EXBD DECISION OR GUIDELINES FOR THIS ITEM, BUT IN ANY EVENT COULD NOT HAVE OPPOSED WAY IN WHICH ITEM WAS ADVANCED FOR DEBATE. HE URGED TORRES TO LOBBY MODERATE ARABS AND ASIANS TO HEAD OFF DIVISIVE DEBATE AND POSSIBLE INACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION.
- 2. PERM DEL HAS BEEN LOBBYING EXBD MEMBERS FROM ALL REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ALL WEOS REPRESENTED ON EXBD ARE FULLY CONCERNED THAT CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE NOT ERUPT OVER THIS ITEM, AND ARE ALSO DISCUSSING CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION WITH OTHER MEMBERS (NORWEGIAN BOARD MEMBER, GUNNAR GARBO, HAS RETURNED -TO OSLO FOR INSTRUCTIONS PARTICULARLY ON THIS ITEM).

3. RESULTS OF EFFORTS ARE STILL INCONCLUSIVE, HOWEVER, MEMBERS FROM LDC'S GENERALLY ARE NON-COMMITTAL, AND WISH TO SEE ARAB DR BEFORE SHOWING THEIR HAND. SINCE

DR DID NOT BEGIN TO SURFACE UNTIL END OF DAY, THEY WILL NOT BEGIN REACTING TO TEXT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 8. EE'S WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS.

4. WE HAVE LOBBIED ARABS TO REFRAIN FROM PROPOSING A DR SINCE THIS POSSIBILITY FIRST SURFACED. AS USUAL, THEY DENY ANY WISH FOR "CONFRONTATION" BUT INSIST ON RIGHT AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO SPEAK ON TOPIC, AND TO DEMAND A DECISION IN FORM OF A DR. TORRES

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